

PIN, CLUE TO PAGE MURDER

Ornament Found in Tucker's Pocket Identified

BY PAGE HOUSEKEEPER.

Last Seen on Cushion in Dead Girl's Room — Missed from Room After the Murder — Tucker Had Been to Page's.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 11.—Amy Roberts, whose testimony has been eagerly awaited by the spectators who have thronged the court room at the trial of Charles L. Tucker for the murder of Mabel Page, took the stand to-day. Miss Roberts is housekeeper at the Page home in Weston.

The woman was very nervous. She had admitted before the opening of court that she felt the strain of long waiting to tell her story. She was expected to prove one of the prosecution's most important witnesses.

George Smith, who first took the stand, briefly testified that he passed the Page house twice on the afternoon of the day on which Mabel Page was murdered, and saw nothing out of the ordinary.

The first point which District Attorney Sanderson brought out was the fact that Tucker had met Mabel Page. She corroborated other witnesses that Tucker went to the Page house to see Harold Page about buying a dog. She said Tucker talked with Mabel Page while the witness went to the barn to find Harold. Tucker was with Miss Page about ten minutes in the living room.

Miss Roberts described conditions and events at the Page house. As the witness proceeded Tucker leaned forward, apparently straining every nerve to hear her low words.

The Roberts woman then told of the action of Mabel Page in taking money from a purse in her room and placing it in one kept by her mother. She also told of money kept in a drawer in the living room.

She knew that there was a ten dollar bill and bills of other denominations in a purse which was kept in the drawer of a table in the living room. Miss Page had taken \$1 from it to pay witness before she started from the house for a day's absence. That evening the purse in the table drawer was found unfastened and contained only 36 cents.

The district attorney began asking questions about stickpins. Two pins were missing from the cushion in Mabel's room after the murder, the witness said. The district attorney brought forward the pins and the witness identified both. One, alleged to have been found in Tucker's overcoat pocket on the night of his arrest, she recognized because of its length and a peculiar bend in the shaft.

Tucker again leaned forward as Miss Roberts identified the pin. He showed no emotion, and quickly settled back in his seat. This concluded the direct examination.

The tall clock in the living room, witness said, on cross-examination, did not keep correct time.

Q. Was the tall clock right on March 31? A. I don't remember.

Did you not testify at a previous time that the clock was right on the day of the murder? A. I believe I did.

Q. And that was at the hearing in Waltham, was it not? A. Yes.

There were stains on the cushion of a chair in Miss Page's room and on the dressing table, which appeared to be the imprint of a hand, she said. Blood stains were also found on the outside of the doors leading from the upper hall to Mabel's room.

Her testimony in the main was unshaken. She persisted in her identification of the pins, and showed the difference between the Canadian pin and another, the property of Harold Page, also

produced by District Attorney Sanderson.

Following Miss Roberts the commonwealth this afternoon introduced evidence to show that Tucker was in need of money, and sold and pawned various articles to obtain sums, about the time of the tragedy.

Ethel de Young, owner of a second-hand store in Kneeland street, testified that Tucker sold a revolver and some clothes there just before the murder. He also offered for sale a knife, similar to one shown by the prosecution, but which, the witness said, was like many other knives. After the murder, according to the testimony of Jacob D. de Young and Bessie M. Ryall, the latter a clerk in the store, Tucker redeemed articles pawned before the murder, but he also pawned a diamond ring for \$15.

The testimony brought out this afternoon was what the state detectives under Chief Shaw and General Whitney, gathered after the murder. It was followed by the testimony of General Whitney himself, who was called to the stand late this afternoon and who recounted his first talk with Tucker, and the latter's story of his movements on March 31, as told to him, he testified at this time.

The knife sheath, found in the Woodward fish cart after Tucker and Mabel Page had ridden in it on the day of the murder, was introduced in evidence this afternoon.

DREW LOTS TO BE KILLED AT SEA

Survivors of the Texas Were About to Sacrifice One of Their Number for Food When Saved.

Waterford, Ireland, Jan. 11.—With the arrival of the steamship Zeno today came the story of the drowning of twenty-two men when the American steam dredger Texas foundered in a storm off the Hebrides.

The captain and twelve men, survivors, arrived on the Zeno. They were rescued from an open boat just after they had drawn lots to decide which should be killed to provide food for the rest.

The ill-fated Texas left Southampton on Dec. 12 for Galveston. In a great storm she was rent asunder and went down with very little warning. The crew entered the small boats, but one containing the chief officer and twenty-one men sank immediately, and all its occupants were drowned. The survivors drifted for several days before being picked up, and suffered terribly from cold and hunger.

MOOSE IN VERMONT.
Game Commissioner Thomas Has Had One Reported to Him.

Burlington, Jan. 12.—State Fish and Game Commissioner H. G. Thomas of Stowe was in the city yesterday on the way to Ottawa where he will meet with a joint commission appointed by the legislatures of New York and Vermont and with the Canadian authorities to consult upon the matter of prohibiting seine fishing in Lake Champlain.

A meeting was held at Quebec in December but was adjourned until later after a short conference. The Vermont members of the commission are N. W. Fisk of Isle La Motte, Mr. Thomas, Senator G. H. Prouty of Newport and Representative Silsby of Newbury. Those from New York are Maj. J. W. Pond of Albany, Senators Cullen and Prime and Assemblymen Knapp and Reeve. These gentlemen will leave today for Ottawa and a meeting will be held at Ottawa tomorrow.

Mr. Thomas has just received a letter from a friend in Woodstock telling of finding a large cow moose in a herd of deer in that locality. Several moose have been in Vermont although they are by no means plentiful.

TALBOT CASE MAY GO ON.

Members of Inquiry Board Wish Settlement.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 11.—Although the seven members of the board of inquiry appointed to consider the charges made by Rev. Dr. I. N. W. Irvine against Bishop Ethelbert Talbot who met here yesterday, did not constitute a quorum and consequently adjourned. They discussed the case informally and, it is said, reached the conclusion that the inquiry should go on, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the presentment, W. B. Butler, one of the members, said that Bishop Tuttle has refused to grant the withdrawal. Mr. Butler also said that the present board was canonically organized and consequently is competent to deal with the case.

TAKES ISSUE WITH SENATE

President Will Insist On Arbitration Treaties.

OR WILL WITHDRAW THEM

Opposed to Plan to Amend Pending Treaties to Give Senate Equal Voice With Executive Under Them.

Washington, Jan. 11.—President Roosevelt will withdraw from the Senate all the arbitration treaties now before that body for ratification unless the Senate shows itself disposed to ratify the conventions practically as they were drawn. He believes that these treaties are wisely constructed and he knows that they are the result of painstaking negotiations with the several foreign governments concerned.

Some of the Senate leaders have been made aware of the President's feeling in regard to the arbitration treaties.

Mr. Roosevelt will not hesitate, in case the Senate proceeds to amend the treaties radically, to withdraw them, as he has a right to do. This means that the proposed conventions drawn up and signed by the representatives of the State Department and the foreign Powers would fail.

The President regards a large naval appropriation bill and the pending arbitration treaties almost as kindred matters. Both are looked upon by him as subjects of superlative importance to be acted upon at the present session.

Mr. Roosevelt will fight for a large naval budget and he will stand up firmly for the ratification of the treaties practically unchanged. Both the treaties and the proposed steady enlargement of the navy the President regards as powerful instruments making for peace, and he has told the Senate leaders so.

The arbitration treaties with Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland, and an amendment to each proposed by Senator Bacon, were discussed for two hours today by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, but no action was taken. Mr. Bacon's amendment expressly excludes from arbitration the question of payment of the bonds issued by the Confederate States.

Opposition to the pending arbitration treaties as they were drawn developed at a meeting of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations last Thursday. It was said that the Senate leaders would insist on amending them so as to give the Senate an equal voice with the President in effecting arbitration of any difference with a foreign nation in accordance with their provisions. The Southern Senators were said to fear that the treaties in their present form might be used for the collection of bonds issued by the Southern States in the carpet bag period and since repudiated.

PAUPERS OF RUSSIA.

Supposed Plot to Get Them Into United States Discovered.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Immigrant inspectors have discovered what they believe to be a gigantic plot to "assist" paupers from Russia to the United States. Several immigrants have been detained at Ellis Island, New York, awaiting a more complete investigation of the alleged conspiracy.

Russian Hebrews drafted for service in the far east are, according to the chief of the immigration officials, spirited out of the Czar's domains to Germany, and from Germany sent to the United States. Inspectors have learned of the existence of a society in Berlin that is engaged in shipping the Russian refugees to the country, and in an office in Canal street found what they believed to be the American branch of the continental concern.

"A great proportion of the immigrants that come into the port of New York are paupers and refugees," said Commissioner Sargent. "We have deported 500 of them within the last few days and, if the laws had only allowed, would have sent back a great many more. Most of them arrive 'dead broke,' are sent here by societies like that Berlin concern, and, if allowed to stay, simply remain a dead weight on the community."

YOUTH ADMITS IT.

Desperado Pleads Guilty to Assault on Aged Mrs. Ward.

Athol, Jan. 11.—Claude R. Taylor, the young desperado who assaulted Mrs. Elsin O. Ward of Petersham, and who has taken several officers on a merry chase through part of Massachusetts and Vermont, was brought to Athol this afternoon by State Detective Peleg G. Murray of Worcester and Deputy Sheriff Daniel H. Rice of Barre.

The officers arrived on the 12:18 train, having left Bellows Falls at 8 o'clock this morning. A little over one hour was spent in Greenfield, during which time the prisoner was lodged in the lock-up.

At Athol a crowd numbering nearly 2,000 were at the station to meet the young desperado. Constable Jacques and Sheriff Goddard of Athol also met the trio.

Taylor was dressed in the same clothes he has worn since the escape at Mrs. Ward's. He presented a woe-begone appearance, and seemed entirely penitent. He is by no means a bad looking fellow. He states his age as 18 years.

Taylor was taken at once to the district court room, where Judge Field presided. There were a number of women in the large audience. Taylor was charged with a criminal assault on Mrs. Elsin Ward of Petersham and pleaded guilty. Judge Field ordered him held in \$5,000 for the superior court in Worcester, Monday next. He was, of course, unable to secure bonds and was taken to Worcester on the 1:29 train.

Mrs. Ward of Petersham was in the court room, but no testimony was offered.

The charge of larceny was not pressed today. Deputy Sheriff Rice states that at Bellows Falls the officers in the case found three men whose description tallied with those of Taylor, and they were delayed a little in finding him. Taylor seems ready to take whatever is given him in the way of a sentence without a contest.

FOREST LAND SOLD.

Large Tract in Southern Vermont Brings a Price of \$175,000.

Brattleboro, Jan. 11.—A tract of about 9,000 acres of spruce timberland, of heavy growth, was transferred yesterday by W. W. Peck & Sons of Morrisville to Fremont H. Wright of Auburn, Mass., and a party of Boston men for a consideration understood to be approximately \$175,000. The land is situated in Somerset and Stratton, principally in the former town.

This sale is one of the most important of its kind that has been made in Vermont in recent years, as it will mean that a broad gauge railroad will be extended into the heart of one of the greatest timber tracts in the state, which will draw not merely from the Peck tract, but from the tracts owned by the Griffith estate, the Gallup Lumber Co., the Battenkill Lumber Co., the holdings of the Tudors of Somerset and other parties. Whether the Brattleboro & Whitehall road will be extended or whether the Rutland road will run a branch line to the timber region remains to be seen.

SUCCESSFUL FARMERS.

Dudley and A. A. Carleton of West Newbury Make Good Sugar.

Montpelier, Jan. 12.—Dudley Carleton and his son, A. A., returned to West Newbury yesterday afternoon after receiving a special reward from the Maple Sugar Makers' Association, for their exhibition of maple sugar. Mr. Dudley sends sugar to Paris, London, Edinburgh and other foreign cities each year. He has his seventy-five head of Holstein cattle on his farm that are "just as pretty as my maple sugar." Two inventions, a mould for making maple sugar cakes and a device for filling them, are now on the market as monuments to the ingenuity of Mr. Carleton.

FIREMEN IN A WRECK.

Philadelphia Hose Cart Hit by Train on Way to Fire.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 11.—While proceeding to a fire in the northeastern section of the city today, a hose cart was struck by a train at the Trenton avenue crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad, and William Robinson, a fireman, fatally injured. Thomas Thompson, another fireman, was badly injured, and several other members of the crew were cut and bruised.

The fire, which was in Textile Hall, over the Kensington Theatre, caused a loss of about \$20,000.

Rutland Disease Epidemic.

Rutland, Jan. 12.—Health Officer Edgar B. Moore of this city is taking heroic measures to stop the spreading of the epidemic of scarlet fever and mumps which had gained much headway among the school children of the city with the result that the disease is believed to have now reached its climax. Owing to the orders of Dr. C. S. Caverly, president of the state board of health, to the effect that no news regarding the progress of the disease shall be given to the newspapers, it is difficult to determine just how many cases there are but it is believed that there are now 50 or more.

All of the teachers in the school have been instructed to inquire of the children each day whether any of them have colds, coughs or sore throats, or if illness of any kind exists at their homes. If any pupil has any of these ailments or any relative or neighbor at home ill, he is immediately dismissed from school.

Wynne to Succeed Evans.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—It is stated here on high authority that, while a formal tender has not been made to him by President Roosevelt, Postmaster-General Wynne is slated to succeed Henry Clay Evans as United States consul-general at London.

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PLANS FOR A SECOND WAR

This the Significant Assertion of Admiral Doubaissoff After Conference With Emperor — Czar Said to Favor Plans.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The declaration made by Vice-Admiral Doubaissoff, Russian member of the international commission to inquire into the North Sea incident, that an honorable peace between Russia and Japan is likely to be made, is considered highly significant.

Heretofore members of the Russian embassy, and all the other Russian officials here, have resented suggestions of peace as humiliating. There is reason to believe that these were expressions of personal views before hearing from St. Petersburg. Admiral Doubaissoff has just arrived from St. Petersburg, after a lengthy audience of Emperor Nicholas following the fall of Port Arthur.

The Admiral, who is chief of naval construction, says he submitted to the emperor last Thursday a plan to complete the rehabilitation of the navy, as called in outline last Saturday.

Doubaissoff declares the emperor gave it most favorable consideration and said it would be submitted to the council of ministers.

"I am convinced," said Admiral Doubaissoff, "of the immediate necessity for the reconstruction of our fleet at all the Russian and foreign shipyards for the purpose of securing strength sufficient to command supremacy at sea. This is absolutely indispensable if we are to expect victory from the next war with Japan. The remnant of our fleet is hardly more than debris and entirely unequal to Japan's naval strength."

The Admiral further said it was necessary to recognize the conditions, how-

ever painful they might be to national self-love.

"Therefore," he added, "I do not hesitate to say that we tend toward not far-off peace. We will leave the Japanese Port Arthur and the territory they now occupy in Manchuria. We will set ourselves resolutely at work to prepare a powerful invincible navy, as this peace will be but temporary, and the next time we shall be amply prepared."

Church Cries for Peace.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—The Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, in a sermon preached before the imperial family at Tsarkoe Selo yesterday on the occasion of the religious festival of Christmas, drew a parallel between the peace of the gospel and the peace of the world. In concluding, he addressed the emperor as follows:

"Your imperial majesty, may God grant that the present war will end soon. Above all, may God grant that the angelic message of peace sink deeper and deeper into the hearts of men, and that strife may soon end forever on earth."

In a leading editorial today the Russ, while maintaining that the war must go on, says: "But the fullest success is only achievable if the nation is united," and declares that after all "the question of peace or war abroad is a minor matter. What Russia wants is peace at home, as war at home is far worse than that in Manchuria."

Then in the plainest fashion the Russ sketches the internal conditions which it says "are tantamount to a state of war, producing mortality among the peasant children equal to that of the battlefield," concluding with the statement that the "work of regeneration must begin now; we will not wait until the war in the far East is ended."

POOR FATHER'S FLOCK.

Chicago Man Can't School All His 19 Children.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Anton Hermann, who was arraigned before Justice Prindiville, charged with failing to send his daughter, Katie, 11 years old, to school, testified that he was the father of 19 children, six of whom are of school age.

"I am too poor to provide clothes and books to send all six children to school," he said. "I don't get much money in the lumber yard where I work. I have been married 34 years. Now I am living with my second wife."

Hermann was fined \$10, but payment was suspended on condition that Katie should be sent to school.

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